

REMARKS

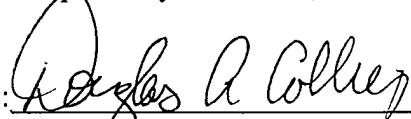
In the Final Office Action mailed on October 29, 2008, claims 1-6, 10-25, 28-42 and 44-50 were pending. Claims 37 and 44-50 are allowed, and claims 28-30 and 36 have been objected to but indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 1-6, 10-25, 31-35 and 38-42 stand rejected. In this response, claims 1, 3, and 28-31 have been amended, and claims 36 and 38-42 are cancelled in addition to the previously cancelled claims. Reconsideration of the present application as amended and including claims 1-6, 10-25, 28-35, 37, and 44-50 is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 is amended to include the features of allowable claim 36, and therefore is allowable. Claim 36 is cancelled, and claims 3 and 31 have been amended to maintain consistency with amended claim 1. Claim 1 along with claims 2-6, 10-25, and 31-35 depending directly or indirectly from claim 1 are allowable.

Claims 28, 29 and 30 have each been rewritten in independent form incorporating the features of claim 1 along with intervening claims 14 and 15. Therefore, claims 28, 29 and 30 are allowable as indicated in the Final Office Action.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that claims 1-6, 10-25, 28-35, 37, and 44-50 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application as amended is respectfully requested. The examiner is welcome to contact the undersigned to resolve any outstanding issues with respect to the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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